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<b>0-7</b>	<b>Applicant's or agent's file reference</b>	K1184
<b>I</b>	<b>Title of Invention</b>	DISCRIMINATION MEDIUM, DISCRIMINATION METHOD, ARTICLE TO BE DISCRIMINATED, AND DISCRIMINATION APPARATUS
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V	<b>DESIGNATIONS</b>	
V-1	The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the International filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.	
VI-1	<b>Priority claim of earlier national application</b>	
VI-1-1	Filing date	28 October 2003 (28.10.2003)
VI-1-2	Number	2003-368035
VI-1-3	Country	JP
VI-2	<b>Priority document request</b>	
	The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s):	VI-1

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VIII	Declarations	Number of declarations	
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-	
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-	
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-	
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-	
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-	
IX	Check list	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	5	✓
IX-2	Description	18	-
IX-3	Claims	2	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	✓
IX-5	Drawings	4	-
IX-7	TOTAL	30	
	Accompanying Items	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-17	PCT-SAFE physical media	-	✓
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract	1	
IX-20	Language of filing of the international application	Japanese	
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10-4	Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)	
10-5	International Searching Authority	ISA/JP
10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

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